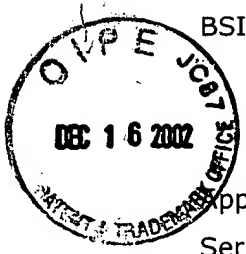


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In response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2002, please reconsider this application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Kindly amend claim 59 as follows:

59. (Amended) A generally tubular prosthesis having a tube axis and two or more hoop-like tubular portions, said prosthesis comprising:  
one or more wires or filaments each having one or more corrugated portions and one or more generally straightened extension portions, wherein said corrugated portion comprises zig-zags having V-shaped apices connected by generally straight intermediate portions, wherein said straightened extension portion extends between and connects consecutive ones of said hoop-like tubular portions, said straightened extension portion being oriented skew relative to said tube axis and extending in a substantially helical path, and